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(Currently Amended) A method for reducing the servo position error 1. 1 signal non-linearity during self-servo writing, comprising: 2 measuring a write width for all of a plurality of heads in a disk drive; and 3 4 adjusting a write current for each head in a the disk drive toward a predetermined 5 level; 6 wherein the measuring further comprises determining a mean head width and the adjusting further comprises adjusting the write current for each head by applying a higher 7 write current to heads smaller than the mean head width and a lower write current to 8 heads wider than the mean head width. 9 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising 1 2 determining a mean track propagation width for the disk drive, the predetermined level 3 establishing the a mean track propagation. 3. (Cancelled) 1 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising verifying the 2 optimal performance is achieved using the adjusted write currents. 1 5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the verifying further 2 comprises repeating the measuring and adjusting until a track propagation for the disk 3 drive meets a predetermined criteria.

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- 1 6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the predetermined criteria
  2 comprises a predetermined minimum threshold.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the predetermined criteria comprises a minimum variance in track propagation width.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A disk drive, comprising: 1 a plurality of data storage media mounted for simultaneous rotation about an axis; 2 an actuator for moving each of a plurality of heads relative to an associated data 3 storage media for reading and writing data to the associated data storage media, and 4 a disk controller for writing a data pattern to respective data storage media 5 6 utilizing each of the plurality of heads, wherein the disk controller measures the write 7 width for each of the plurality of heads and adjusts a write current for each of the plurality 8 of heads toward a predetermined level; 9 wherein the disk controller measures the write width for each of the plurality of heads by determining a mean head width and adjusting the write current for each of the 10 11 plurality of heads by applying a higher write current to heads smaller than the mean head
- 9. (Original) The disk drive of claim 8 wherein the disk controller determines a mean track propagation width for the disk drive, the predetermined level establishing a mean track propagation.

width and a lower write current to heads wider than the mean head width.

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1 10. (Canceled)

- 1 11. (Original) The disk drive of claim 8 wherein the disk controller
- 2 further verifies that optimal performance is achieved using the adjusted write currents.
- 1 12. (Original) The disk drive of claim 11 wherein disk controller verifies
- 2 that optimal performance is achieved by repeating the measuring and adjusting until a
- 3 track propagation for the disk drive meets a predetermined criteria.
- 1 13. (Original) The disk drive of claim 12 wherein the predetermined
- 2 criteria comprises a predetermined minimum threshold.
- 1 14. (Original) The disk drive of claim 12 wherein the predetermined
- 2 criteria comprises a minimum variance in track propagation width.